

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg., Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WHITEBEAD SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 040, Garvin County 049; NE 1/4, Sec. 4, T 3 N, R 1 W

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--education

OWNER: Whitebead Board of Education, Route 3, Box 214, Pauls Valley, OK 73075

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Garvin County Courthouse, Pauls Valley, OK 73075

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

Measuring 60 feet by 79 feet, the Whitebead gymnasium is constructed of poured concrete, now painted white. Pilasters on the exterior walls give decorative relief. The roof is gabled, and the windows, with pre-formed concrete sills, are of the metal casement variety. The vertical lines of the building and the squared arches of the two front entryways give the structure a faint art deco flavor. Unfortunately, additions have been made to three sides of the structure, the cumulative effect of which is to impeach the architectural integrity of the gym.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; architect/builder: unknown

The art deco style and the poured concrete construction make this building significant architecturally for a WPA building. It is totally unique within the Whitebead community as well.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Paoli, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located five miles west of Pauls Valley on State Highway No. 19 in the Whitebead community, the gym is located in the SE, SE, NE 1/4 of Sec. 4, T 3 N, R 1 W.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none